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FDR NEARS COMPLETION

SCHOOL BOARD TO CONSIDER BOUNDARIES FOR SENIOR HIGH

by Elaine Skolnik

Boundaries pertaining to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Senior High School will be discussed at the Thursday, November 13 meeting of the Prince Georges Board of Education to be held at DuVal Senior High School 9880 Good Luck Road. The meeting will start at 3 p.m., recess at 5 p.m., and resume at 7:30 p.m. It is expected that Charles O. Wendorf, Director of Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries, will present a staff recommendation with respect to the student population of the new school. To be considered also are two proposals relating to FDR which were submitted by board member Nicholas R. Eny at the October 30 meeting.

At that meeting communications from the city of Greenbelt and Greenbelt Homes Inc. were presented urging that the Board of Education include within the boundaries of the new school all of the area within the corporate limits of the city, so that Greenbelt children of high school age will be able to attend FDR, located off Greenbelt Road east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway in Greenbelt.

Appearing personally to make an appeal along these same lines was Muriel Weidenfeld, president of the Boxwood Civic Association. She cited the "practicality and economy" of using buses from the Greenbelt transportation yard on Greenbelt Road to transport Greenbelt students the short distance to FDR. Additionally she noted that (1) since the Board of Education and the Greenbelt Parks and Recreation Department will no doubt institute cooperative programs in FDR as they have in existing Greenbelt schools, "city residents would like their children to be part of these programs" and (2) since the Greenbelt Police Department will serve the new school, "local police can exert more knowledge and control when at least a portion of the student body is also locally known."

The first of Eny's proposals contained criteria to be used in the development of an attendance area for FDR. These included (1) no senior high school shall have an enrollment in excess of 90% of design capacity, (2) FDR enrollment for the school year 1976-77 will be limited to 1,600 tenth and eleventh grade students (pupil capacity is 2,400), (3) all students will be assigned or reassigned to the school closest or next closest to his place of residence which provides the appropriate grade level and type of education, taking into account school capacities and natural physical barriers.

Eny's second proposal deals with alternative proposals for utilization of FDR as a Career Technology Center commencing with the school year 1976-77. School officials pointed out that the school had not been designed for such specialized and distinctive programs.

Construction of the 101-room school is about 92% complete. The entire building is enclosed by brick and glass, and it is anticipated that all interior work will be finished by late spring. This will allow for a full shakedown period before the opening of school next September.

The library-media resource center, which includes reading room balconies, is about 90% finished. Situated on the first floor, the center rises through the upper level to the roof. Overhead skylights illuminate the facility as well as the main corridors of the school.

Except for the large dining area, furnishing of the commons is well underway with kitchen equipment and ceramic quarry floors installed. Terrazo floors are down in the corridors while classrooms will have vinyl asbestos tiles. Permanent masonry classroom partitions are now in place and movable metal partitions to allow for enlargement of classrooms will soon be installed.

Work on the auditorium, which is designed as a full-scale theatre with 850 seats, is a massive one. Presently the facility is filled with scaffolding, although spot and flood lights and catwalks are in place.

Outside the building, parking lots and driveways are being paved and top soil is covering large areas preparatory to sodding. All curbs, gutters and storm sewer construction is finished.

NOW To Meet Nov. 10

The Northern Prince Georges County chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) will meet on Mon., Nov. 10, at the Greenbelt library. Both women and men are invited to attend a pot luck supper get-together at 7 p.m., and to participate afterwards in a discussion led by the Rev. William R. Callahan, S.J. Father Callahan will describe his efforts on behalf of sexual equality, particularly within the Catholic Church, and for the ordination of women to the priesthood.

For further information, contact Helen S. Beggan, 262-7821.

WHAT GOES ON

Mon., Nov. 10, 8 p.m. Public Hearing on Housing For The Elderly, Municipal Bldg.

Tues., Nov. 11, 10 a.m. Greenbelt Veteran's Day Observance, Greenbelt War Memorial

8 p.m. CRAB Public Hearing on Police Matters, Municipal Bldg.

Wed., Nov. 12, 8 p.m. GHI Meeting on Capital Improvements, Municipal Bldg.

Thurs., Nov. 13, 3-5 & 7 p.m. Board of Education Meeting (FDR), DuVal Senior High School

7:30 p.m. Woman's Club, Greenbelt Library

8 p.m. GHI Adoption of Budget, Hamilton Pl.

Fri., Nov. 14, 8 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Youth Center

CRAB Holds Meeting On Police Issues

A public meeting will be held by the Community Relations Advisory Board at 8 p.m. on Tues., Nov. 11, in the council meeting room to hear citizens' views on allegations concerning certain actions by officers of the Greenbelt Police Department and questions of police procedures. This matter was referred to CRAB by the city council at its meeting of October 6 at which some complaints were initially heard.

In order to assure that all individuals wishing to speak will be heard and that an orderly meeting may be conducted, CRAB has established the following guidelines for the conduct of the meeting:

1. An opening statement will be made by the chairman outlining the purpose of the meeting;
2. The meeting will be taped; however, anyone wishing to speak but not have his words taped has the option of having the tape turned off for that portion of the meeting;
3. A sign-up sheet will be available at the city offices (474-8000) and in the council room just prior to the meeting. Speakers will be heard in the order listed on the sign-up sheet;
4. The names of officers involved in any allegations should not be used at the meeting;
5. Anyone wishing to do so may provide CRAB with a written statement for the record;
6. Only those having first-hand information should give details of an incident.

Veteran's Day Ceremony

Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 will sponsor the annual Greenbelt Veterans Day Observance at the Greenbelt War Memorial on Centerway, Tues., Nov. 11, at 10 a.m.

The DuVal High School Band will perform and the Color Guard will be composed of members of the University of Maryland Air Force ROTC. Guest speakers will be Prince Georges County Executive Winfield Kelly; State Senator Meyer Emanuel; County Councilman Francis White, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, and Congresswoman Gladys Spellman.

Schools in the area have been invited to send interested classes as part of the school observance. In the event of rain-all activities will be held at the Greenbelt Center School.

Cub Scout Pack 202

Sat. Nov. 8, the cubs will sell donuts door to door throughout the city. Cubs are expected to be at the Community Church by 9 a.m. Any parents who can help drive should be there also.

A Talk With Rick Ransom

At the Oct. 6 meeting of city council, Rick Ransom, a young man who grew up in Greenbelt and who is now working for the Administrative Office of the United States Courts in Washington, offered to mediate differences between those who had complaints and the Greenbelt Police Department. He is interviewed here by News Review staff reporter Elaine Skolnik.

- Q. What has happened since the Oct. 6 meeting? What is the status of efforts to improve lines of communication between the public and the police?
- A. I met with Chief Lane and found him to be open and anxious to get to the bottom of the complaints. He is making a full review of the matter. Additionally, the Greenbelt CARES board and Youth Services Bureau made clear their willingness to talk with those having grievances and to assist the police in handling youths with problems. It is important that the police know what CARES offers in the way of services, such as counseling, tutoring, work training, etc. Additionally the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) will be holding a public hearing.
- Q. Have your thoughts jelled as to what routes can be taken to improve communication lines?
- A. I'd like to see a meeting of representatives from organizations such as CARES, CRAB, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, the city council and administration, and the police department. In this way, the full range of city services will be brought together in an effort to reach some solutions to the current problems.
- The group may later want to establish a permanent board which will listen to complaints, answer questions and recommend courses of action. Sometimes all that is necessary is for someone to sound off - to let off a little steam. In some instances, the committee may want to explore complaints further. During this process the committee and the police could get a better understanding of the causes of a person's difficulties and frustrations, and those with complaints could get a better idea of the frustrations, problems and dangers that our police officers face. In such a give and take atmosphere, potentially explosive situations could be defused.
- Q. Why is a third party needed to intercede between the public and the police? Why don't people go directly to the police with their complaints?
- A. The problem is that people are reluctant and have an uneasy feeling about going to officialdom - fear is also involved. Actually, that is one of the reasons I became involved and volunteered to help some individuals to communicate their problems to the city.
- Q. Wouldn't this committee run the risk of encroaching upon policemen's rights?
- A. No. The committee would not be involved in an inquisition or in a hunt-for-heads. The aim is to get both ends of a story - to get enough interested people involved to work out a constructive solution. Crime is everyone's responsibility and the community should be involved.
- Q. Apparently, much of the trouble has stemmed from the concentration of youth at the Center. Can you comment on this?
- A. The center is the town square - where the action is. While I was growing up, I enjoyed - and still do enjoy - meeting my friends at the Center. Older people also like to sit around on center mall benches. It is wrong, of course, for the merchants to suffer vandalism, for purses to be snatched, for drinking of liquor or beer to take place. But sometimes, the kids are branded merely because of the way they dress and for their exuberance which is misunderstood as rowdiness. It's also important for the police and others to be able to distinguish between growing pains and criminal behavior. You know, the age 18 to 22 is a tough one for young people. It's an age when some have not broken ties with the center. Legally they are adults, but they aren't sure what to do with their freedom and time. It's a time when they are experimenting with independence and need some understanding authorities to keep them within bounds.
- Q. Finally, do you have any cautions or observations to pass along?
- A. Most of the recent comments have centered on citizens' good experiences with city police officers. Basically I agree but, on the other hand, all of my experiences with the city's youths have been satisfying for me. I've seen the good in many of these individuals because I've looked for it. There are those who search out the bad. I hear calls not to tarnish the name of the department. Neither let us judge our teens and young adults by the problems caused by a few. I hope that our city officials will guide the police department on a course that will take into consideration the individual youth and his particular situation.

BETHUNE PTSA

The Back-To-School Meeting of the Mary Bethune Junior High School PTSA was well attended to the point of overflowing the school's cafeteria. Parents and students were treated to selections by the 180 students involved in the band, strings and chorus programs.

Principal Thomas A. Myrick announced that the student population this year is 851 with a staff of 49. Myrick indicated that any parent who would serve in the PTSA could telephone him at school between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Volunteers are needed.

Woman's Club News

The Woman's Club of Greenbelt will hold its regular meeting Thurs., Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the library. Mrs. Carol Levanthal of Greenbelt CARES will be the speaker of the evening. All Greenbelt women are cordially invited.

SPEAKER AT JCC

Michael Novick of the Jewish Community Council will speak at the Mishkan Torah, Ridge and Westway Roads, on Fri., Nov. 7 at 8:30 p.m. His topic will be "The Loneliness of the Jewish Community in Prince Georges County."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SITE SELECTION

HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

Monday, November 10, 1975, 8:00 P.M.

City Offices, 25 Crescent Rd.

The City Council has reduced the number of sites to two - Ridge Road Center and opposite G.H.I. offices on Hamilton Place. The two sites were selected, in part, because it is possible to build housing for the elderly at those locations without constructing a high rise building.

A comparative analysis of both sites appears elsewhere in the News Review. The purpose of the public hearing will be to hear the views of citizens concerning the two sites.

ATTENTION G.H.I. MEMBERS

Subject: A Hearing on Capital Improvement Projects for which the Board of Directors proposes to borrow funds.

When: Wednesday - November 12, 1975

Time: 8 p.m.

Place: City Council Chamber

A full explanation of the need for the program, along with a summary showing the related costs, has been mailed to each member. Please study it carefully and attend the meeting to voice your views.

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Open Letter to Greenbelt Parents

The Prince Georges County Board of Education has instructed its staff to present a recommendation for the boundaries of Franklin D. Roosevelt high school at its Nov. 13 meeting.

Having been the only speaker on that agenda item at the last meeting, I can attest to the value that is placed by the Board on citizen participation.

I urge every Greenbelt parent to be present at DuVal high school on Nov. 13 to express support for Greenbelt students to be included in the student population of F.D.R.

The meeting is scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m., breaks for dinner, and resumes at 7:30 p.m.

Information relating to F.D.R.'s place on the agenda may be obtained by calling 627-4800 or 627-4145 early next week.

If you plan to speak, use the above numbers to place your name on the list . . .

For more information, car pooling, agenda schedule, or other please call me at 345-2327 or Sue Simko at 345-2983.

Muriel Weidenfeld

Kids Are People, Too

To the Editor,

I have been observing the controversy about the Greenbelt police that has been reported in this paper over the last few weeks. My rare encounters with the police force have been varied and too few to allow me to comment on the prevailing actions or attitudes of the force in general.

However, some of the correspondence about the situation (the council meetings, the force, etc.) has included an attitude which I have encountered. This attitude is that children are unimportant non-entities. Several letters to the editor have had an overall aura of "most of those putting down the police force were kids, and so that makes their opinions invalid." This is not a new experience for me. I spent my first fifteen years living in Greenbelt. In that period of time, in every store, service area and public place in Greenbelt, I encountered insults of all kinds. They ranged from the subtle (as in an adult store clerk's not seeming to be able to hear my requests for service or assistance) to the blatant (as in having an adult standing behind me served at a counter or check out stand before myself regardless of how long I had been waiting.) Whenever I protested such treatment, the perpetrators usually reacted with a shake of the head and a comment similar to "troublemaking kids these days!" The places most guilty of this in my day were the Co-op Pharmacy and Twin Pines, although none of the places in the area were free of guilt save the U. S. Post Office.

My family moved from Greenbelt when I was fifteen. I have now returned, all grown up and married. My goodness! What a shock it was to be served civilly (sometimes even eagerly) in the Greenbelt stores. Suddenly my money had become just as green as any adult person's in the banks. The last time I encountered the Greenbelt police, the dispatcher even called me ma'am. At first, I thought that perhaps in the years of my absence, the people in public life in Greenbelt had become more sensitive, more fair. That hopeful thought was quickly shattered the day a check out woman at Ben Franklin offered to help me instead of the two children standing in front of me. Naturally, I insisted she serve them before me, but the entire occurrence brought me back to reality.

I do not intend to attack the

businesses I have cited specifically or in general in this letter; I simply wish to bring this problem to the attention of their management and all Greenbelters. Whether the young peoples' complaints against the Greenbelt police are founded on fact or not, I cannot say. But I can and do say that no one has the right to lightly dismiss these opinions simply because they come from the mouths of children.

There is a bad element in the society of children just as there is a bad element in the society of adults. But, with adults, we at least give people the benefit of the doubt when evaluating their opinions and actions. Why do we not do the same for our children? They are our future and we (all of us, not just their particular parents) have been entrusted with the task of teaching them how to fit into society. Is this how we do that? By dismissing their opinions as so much garbage? Just as each of us expects to and should be treated and respected as valuable individuals, so should each of our children. As the song goes — Kids are people, too.

Eileen Fitzgerald Uber

Wants Referendum

To the Editor:

The last issue of the News Review carried an announcement of a public hearing on selection of a site for the public housing project proposed by council. This comes as a surprise since the group attending the candidates night meeting were assured that no decision had been made on that subject. This is a matter which should be put to a referendum where every taxpayer has a voice, not an informed questionnaire at the polls or a meeting in the council room. That place couldn't accommodate 100 persons. We have a population of 20,000.

To the best of my knowledge, about 50% of the senior citizens who appeared at the only previous public hearing re this proposal were non-residents — members of the Golden Age Club, an organization sponsored by P.G. county, not the city of Greenbelt.

If our officials proposed segregation of a group by sex, race, or religion, they would be tossed out on their collective ear, yet they now suggest segregating a group by age. Why?

Very bluntly put — certain individuals want to avoid the physical/financial responsibility for their elderly relatives, usually parents, and foist that responsibility off on the community.

It is NOT true that this will be no expense to the residents. One site is public property, paid for and owned by residents. The other, if purchased, would be taken off all tax rolls. County and city taxes would be increased.

I predict the choice will be the GHI property. Although it will not be illegal, the reasons are obvious. GHI has financial problems . . .

As in the case of renewing the concession for Gunner's Mate at the Lake Park, council is taking the attitude that Father knows best. Sulphur and molasses are good for us. Well, unless you like sulphur and molasses attend the Nov. 10 hearing and demand a referendum.

Viola L. Keer

Parent Discussion Group

The Greenbelt Parent Discussion Group will hold its next meeting at the Greenbelt Baptist Church (Greenhill and Crescent) on Wed., Nov. 12 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The discussion topic will be a continuation of the topic from the last meeting — "Discipline". Refreshments will be served and babysitting provided for children.

On the GHI Budget

To the Editor:

Turkey time is drawing near! What better time for the GHI frame home owners, especially, and other concerned members to attend the November 13th Board meeting and collectively knock the stuffing out of the manager's proposed budget for 1976.

This "so-called" less than 10% increase, includes a real shocker! Run, do not walk to Hamilton place and pick up the white and green sheet! This is a proposal included in the 12% increase in monthly charges for the frame home owners for a \$230,000 share of a total \$465,000 capital improvements 10-year loan at 9%.

You haven't forgotten, I hope, unless you are so affluent that it need not concern you, that you are still paying on the "celebrated" capital improvements loan of about seven years ago on which there is still outstanding over \$200,000. Recall too, if you can bear it, that you borrowed on your nearly paid GNMA 24-year mortgage maturing in 1977.

The clincher is that if this budget is not scrapped and real economies effected to reduce costs, many of the frame home owners will have this time next year reached that dangerous point which will find them paying as much or more than the brick home owners, whose homes are worth twice as much. Think that one over!

Eunice E. Coxon

Decries Roaming Vandals

To the Editor:

We have a teenage gang running 39 Ct. of Ridge Road and 2 Ct. of Eastway. Their parents are busy entertaining, drinking cocktails, playing bingo, etc.

The teenagers roam this small city — tearing up the small children's parks (come and see the park behind 2 Court Eastway) — I've been ill almost since I bought this home. They gather in this park, scream and holler. When I called the police, they said at least they weren't out stealing cars. On Thurs. night someone threw eggs at my home.

Name Withheld

Mast - Wise

Mrs. Berneice B. Mast of Greenbelt has announced the engagement of her daughter, Deborah Ann, to John F. Wise, Jr. of Lanham, formerly of Greenbelt. John is a sergeant in the Air Force currently stationed at Ft. George Meade. Debbie works as a secretary at American Iron Works in Bladensburg. Both are graduates of Parkdale Senior High School.

The wedding will take place in the summer of 1976.

RUMMAGE-BAKE SALE

The Sisterhood of the Mishkan Torah will hold its annual Rummage-Bake sale "Something for Everyone" at Ridge and Westway Rds., on Sun., Nov. 9 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Mon., Nov. 10 from 11 a.m. to sell-out

Boys and Girls Club

Boys Club football is in full swing. On Oct. 25, the 5 lb. team defeated Green Meadows by a score of 7-0. The 65 lb. team also played Green Meadows and won 10-0. The touchdowns for Greenbelt were scored by Tom Spesick, Paul Kent and Billy Cantwell following a 53-yard run. The 75, 95 and 120 lb. teams lost their games that day.

On Nov. 1, 4 games were played at Braden Field. The 120 lb. team lost to a tough Beltsville team 6-0. The 95 lb. team crushed Berwyn Heights 30-0. All 5 touchdowns for Greenbelt were scored by Chris Cantwell. The 75 lb. team also defeated Berwyn Heights 12-6, and their touchdowns were scored by Jimmy Sacco and Carl Hurst. The 65 lb. team made it unanimous by soundly defeating Berwyn Heights 21-0. Touchdowns were scored by Jimmy Gainor, Paul Kent and John Simko. In a hard-fought game at Magruder Park, the 85 lb. team lost to Hyattsville 18-6. Greenbelt's only touchdown was scored by Billy Orton.

Burgher Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Stoutzenberger of Greenbelt announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Linda Sue, to Vincent Wymond Burgher, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Wymond Burgher Sr. of Hyattsville.

Miss Stoutzenberger is employed by the Naval Ship Engineering Center in Hyattsville and the groom-to-be is an employee of the Hecht Co. They are both graduates of Northwestern Senior High School.

The wedding ceremony will take place in Hyattsville at St. Jerome's Catholic Church on Feb. 28. The Reverend Thomas J. Culhane of Topeka, Kansas, uncle of the bride, will perform the Holy Sacrament. The couple will reside in Hyattsville.

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GHI Budget Subject At Public Discussion

by Miriam Cornelius

Fewer than 30 members (including several directors and audit committee members) gathered Wednesday evening, Oct. 29, to hear manager Roy Breashears present management's proposals for the 1976 budget for Greenbelt Homes, Inc. President James W. Smith opened the meeting with the assurance that the board had as yet taken no action on management's proposals but was waiting to get the members' reactions. He announced that on Wednesday, Nov. 12 there will be a hearing in the city council chamber on the proposal to borrow funds for the capital improvement program. The GHI board will take up the proposed budget and borrowing program at its regular meeting on Thursday, Nov. 13.

Before turning the hearing over to manager Breashears, President Smith apologized for the failure to distribute copies of the 23-page budget document to members in advance, as had been promised. It just was not possible, he said, to complete the mimeographing and collating in time.

Whether because of lack of opportunity to examine the proposals in advance, or simply because the overall increase requested by management did not exceed 10 percent, the reaction of those present to Breashears' presentation was mild. Most of the questions were for clarification or for background information. Audit committee member Arthur Gropp inquired about the solar heating program and was told it would be resumed shortly, as soon as certain hard-to-get parts are obtained. Mrs. Hutzler asked the present price of #4 oil; Breashears replied that GHI no longer uses #4 oil, as all burners have been converted to #2 oil.

Al Skolnik raised a question about the 1976 tax assessment and whether another refund might be possible. Breashears responded that GHI has already been reassessed and that he hopes the depreciation figure may be increased.

Charles Schwan congratulated management on developing a budget that would "provide a sound financial basis" while "reflecting less increase than the amount of inflation in the economy would indicate." The hearing was adjourned well before ten o'clock.

Police Blotter

The department received reports of two indecent exposures last week. In one case, a non-resident was arrested after exposing himself to a young lady who was walking her dog on Ridge Road extended. In the other case, an older man exposed himself to two juveniles in the area of the lake; no apprehension has been made at this time. A lookout has been issued.

While on routine patrol in the Springhill Lake area, Cpl. Brumley observed three subjects acting in a suspicious manner. He stopped their vehicle and while questioning them he observed a rifle and a knife and several radios and other property which was later found to have been stolen. As a result, two adults and two juveniles, all from Suitland, were charged with larceny and possession of weapons. Three were incarcerated and one juvenile was released to his mother.

Six vehicles were stolen during the week, including one motorcycle and one car that had been stripped and rebuilt for racing purposes. One of the vehicles has been recovered.

After stopping a vehicle, Sgt. VanValkenburgh discovered the operator was under the influence of alcohol. While talking to the operator, a passenger got out of the vehicle and became disorderly. As a result both subjects were placed under arrest, the operator for driving under the influence and operating while his license was suspended; the passenger for hindering a police officer. Both were released on personal recognizance.

Little League Awards

The 1975 Greenbelt Little League awards ceremony was held on Sun., Oct. 19 at the American Legion Post 136. Included in the attendance of over 300 persons were guests Mayor and Mrs. Gil Weidenfeld, council members, Richard Castaldi, Charles Schwan and Richard Piiski and his wife, Claire; Miss Little League, Barbara Coloe; Thomas McAndrew and Pam and Jerry Fountain.

Trophies were presented to each member of the Greenbelt Little League National League (NL) and World Series Champion Orioles by manager Bob Bicknell and coaches Don Dorsey and Charles Farrall. Trophies were also presented to each member of the American League (AL) Champion Giants by coach Les Kulp.

Individual awards to the outstanding ball players (MVP) and the outstanding 9-year old (rookie) in each league were made by Tom McAndrew. The winner of the NL MVP was Frank Dorsey of the Orioles, and the dual recipients of the AL MVP were Patrick Jackman and Randy Oudemans, both of the Giants. The NL rookie award went to Jim Gainer of the Lions, and the corresponding award in the AL to Scott Daniels of the Cardinals.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld presented Don Dorsey, coach of the Orioles, with the Century Club award for having coached Greenbelt athletes in over 100 contests.

Mayor Weidenfeld, in the absence of Recreation Director Hank Irving, also presented the Contribution to the Youth of Greenbelt Award. This award, given annually since 1954, goes to the citizen of Greenbelt who has contributed the most in terms of time and effort in the past year to the area's youth. This year's award went to William H. Ball, manager of the Lions, who resides at 11 Fayette Place with his wife Pat and their three sons. A plaque inscribed with Ball's name, as well as the names of all previous winners, is displayed in the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

The final award of the evening was the presentation of the Jim Fountain Memorial Sportsmanship Award in honor of the former commissioner, who passed away on June 12. The award, presented by Pam and Jerry Fountain, the daughter and one of two sons of the late commissioner, was made to the Cub team manager Ron Hufendick and coach Jarvis Cain.



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PERSONNEL ADDITIONS AND PAY INCREASES DISCUSSED BY GHI

by Sid Kastner

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. regular board meeting on Oct. 23, chaired by director Don Volk in the absence of president James Smith, heard a lengthy report from the Personnel committee that contained detailed recommendations for hiring additional personnel, which according to the committee and also the manager are urgently needed to carry out neglected aspects of maintenance. This, and other matters taken up during the meeting, all were clearly connected to the forthcoming budget in the minds of board members who directed their questions accordingly.

Nat Shinderman, chairman of the Personnel committee, first brought up a suggestion for "backstopping" the manager in case the latter had to be absent, and then further proposed the formal establishment of an "assistant manager" position. It turned out that manager Breashears has already been delegating authority in his absence to a staff member he designates, usually the chief engineer, and that this arrangement has been known to the staff though not to some board members. The board, on director Steve Polaschik's motion, affirmed this procedure with the further provision that it be formally notified of the arrangement when in force.

With respect to the proposed position of assistant manager, Shinderman argued that the manager's job has gotten too burdensome for one man, it was a seven-day per week job at present, and most important, GHI should now be preparing a successor to take over the manager's job in the event of Mr. Breashears' leaving. With concurrence from the manager and support by former director Charles Schwan from the floor, director Norman Weyel moved to create the position of assistant manager in 1976 to be filled by the manager following consultation with the board; this action was passed.

Pay Increases

The next recommendations of the committee were concerned with the pay schedules of the maintenance and administrative staff, and with proposed pay increases for both. The present number of ten salary steps for maintenance workers is now too great to provide a sufficient increase per step, according to Shinderman, so a smaller number of six steps is suggested; also the committee has worked out a transition arrangement to the smaller number of steps by which no staff member would lose pay; these proposals were adopted on formal motions.

The separately proposed pay increases, of 5% for administrative staffers and 8% for maintenance workers ran into some opposition, however. Though Shinderman and Breashears pointed to difficulties GHI has had in hiring or retaining effective maintenance workers, directors Virginia Moryadas and Jim Wright viewed a flat raise for all staff as more equitable, with the latter so moving; his motion lost narrowly though, 3 to 4. The board asked the manager to report back at a later time with figures on how much various increase combinations would add to the already tight budget situation.

Additional Personnel

On the last item of the Personnel committee's report - a recommendation to hire as many as ten additional maintenance workers - Breashears described how all available workers are now needed for keeping up with day-to-day operations, with none allocated for preventive maintenance. He said that five new workers could be assigned as a team to service the boiler plants, two more could be used in the supply department, and two groundsmen and a carpenter's helper would round out the staff. From the floor, staffer Henry Fisher stated from his personal experience that the heating workers had to order their own parts. Director Moryadas and some other board members felt however that action could not be taken on hiring more workers until the related matter of pay increases was settled, so the committee's report as a whole was simply accepted on a motion by director Mary Clarke.

Electrical Heavy-Up

Another budget-affecting matter, "heavying-up" the electrical

wiring to many GHI courts that presently are wired for too little current-carrying capacity, was discussed briefly. Breashears noted that this item was deemed important by chief engineer Craft, who feels it should be carried out even faster than in the four-year period recommended by the Engineering and Maintenance committee, and that funds were available in the budget for that purpose. Joe Reid of the Audit committee suggested that the same proportion of frame homes as brick homes be treated each year so that all the frame homes could be converted as well as the brick homes at the end of the period (instead of an equal number of frame and brick homes each year); the manager commented that "we will move first on the buildings that need it the most."

The shortage of electrical capacity was reflected in the board's reaction to another member who requested permission to have his free-standing shed receive electricity for a freezer. The manager noted that the shed was apparently in violation of GHI shed policy, as well as not having received a county electrical permit. On a motion by director Moryadas, an extension for the shed was granted until May, contingent on obtaining an electrical inspection and also removing a second shed presently in the member's yard.

Visitors Get Chance To See Rec. Awards

The slide show and scrapbook that earned the Greenbelt Recreation Department the title of Grand Award Winner in the annual Gold Medal Award competition were shown at the November 3 meeting of the city council.

In presenting the city with the \$1,000 award, Hank Irving confessed that he was as excited as he had been in Dallas, Texas on Oct. 22 when the Recreation Dept. was named "Number One" (for cities under 20,000) before a crowd of 7,000.

The gift passed from Irving to city manager James K. Glese and on to Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, who was left holding the envelope while Irving reclaimed the check, earmarked for a project that had been postponed previously for lack of funds.

Irving said that the entire community shares in the honor, and thanked the community and the many support organizations for their involvement in the city's recreation program.

Council members paid tribute to Irving and his staff for the expert job and talent that went into the preparation of the materials submitted in the competition, and expressed their pride in the department.

Displayed also were walnut and bronze award plaques and a large flag. The Recreation Dept. will have the slide presentation and scrapbook on view at the Youth Center. Organizations may borrow the materials for meetings.

St. Hugh's Team Scores In CYO Championships

St. Hugh's cross-country team competed in the CYO championships on Oct. 26 at Lake Needwood, Montgomery Co., Md. The six person team scored (over a very hilly course) as follows: Tom Noel, CYO champion, at 2 miles in the 14-15 age group; Steve Marques, 7th in the 2 mi., 12-13 age; Theresa Downs, 13th in the 1 1/2 mi., 10-11's; Maureen McEvoy, 21st in the 1 mi., 9 and under; Andy Parochetti, 34th and Maryjo Eckstern, 36th in the 9 and under, 1 mi.



Gunner's Mate Race enthusiasts sporting their new tee shirts are from left to right: Assistant Director Martin Greenbaum; official Steve Rousseau; Sponsors Mr. and Mrs. Duane Bowman; Race Director Milton Greenbaum; and Assistant Official Phyllis Walner.

Charley's Aunt Provides Laughs

by Sandra Barnes

Rolling antics are to be seen on the stage of the St. Hugh's School as the Genoble Theatre Guild presents Charley's Aunt this weekend, Friday and Saturday nights, at 8 p.m.

Anytime a man dresses up in a woman's clothes and exaggerates the mannerisms of the lady, comedy is the inevitable result. Around this basic theme, the author, Brandon Thomas has woven two sets of love-stricken young people, and two older men who vie for the attentions of the disguised young man. Add to this confusion, the appearance of the real aunt and the plot becomes ridiculous.

Crucial to the comedy is the acting of the young man who plays the lead role of Charley's Aunt. Fortunately Glen Muir, a student at Prince George's Community College, is nearly perfect. He makes the best of a small stage to thud, sprawl, and bound about with mirth and excitement. The droll, winsome features of his face enliven his performance as he dons the black satin dress, wig and lace cap of Charley's Aunt.

Others in the cast give creditable performances, particularly David Lange in his first appearance on a stage, and Von David Pelot as the two elderly gentlemen who woo the disguised aunt. Jack Chesney, played by Jeff Beyrent, and Charley, played by Paul Geiger are the love-sick young men. Their sweethearts are played by Susan Smith and Kathy Geiger. The real aunt is Mary O'Keeffe, and rounding out the cast are the butler, Joseph Muller, and the niece, Maggi Wolff. Dave O'Keeffe is the director. The set is skillfully adapted to the dimensions of the stage.

Gunner's Mate Race Results

by Milton Greenbaum

A record breaking number of runners turned out to compete in the 3rd Greenbelt Lake Run on Sat. Oct. 25. Entries ranged from ages 8 to 48, and times from 14 to 25 minutes. All contestants had at least one thing in common - they all received a T-shirt or a trophy for running. The course this year was very muddy, slow, and slippery on a day which saw rain all during the night and morning before the race.

The next Gunners Mate Run will be held in about six months, and for the 4th time in a row, the Bowman's promise a prize to everyone who can complete the 2 laps around the Lake.

Speaking for all of the race participants and for the city of Greenbelt itself, I'd like to extend thanks and appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Duane Bowman for their continued support of our athletic activities.

CITY NOTES

A "Stop" sign was installed at the Co-op parking lot where it enters Parkway Road.

The Prince Georges County electrical inspector conducted the final inspection and approval of the tennis courts.

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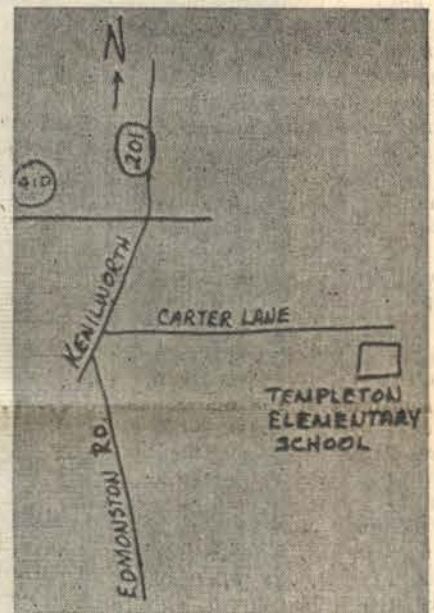
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Thursday	Nov. 13	7:30 p.m.	WHAT DOES GOD THINK OF THE CHURCH TODAY? Is Church membership and attendance essential to being a Christian?	Health Topic: "Water, Water, Water"
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Marine Lance Corporal William L. Allsbrook, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Allsbrook, 9001 Breezewood Terrace, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with the 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Leo Gerton was elected to the American Heart Association's Board of Trustees for a three-year term.

Michael Garin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garin, 29 Lakeside, is attending the Neighborhood Playhouse School of the Theatre in New York, a leading center for training young men and women for the theatre. Michael formerly attended Sandy Springs Friends School and Emerson College where he participated in drama activities.

Rita Polaschik, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Polaschik, 12-D Ridge, was elected to the junior class student-faculty affairs committee at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. She is majoring in the field of nursing.

Congratulations to Miss Christina Farrera, Parkdale Sr. English teacher, who has been named English Teacher of the Year by the Council of Teachers of English. Kudos are also in order for another topnotch Parkdale faculty member Mrs. Barbara Hines. She has been selected by the Newspaper Fund, a Dow Jones foundation, as one of the ten outstanding high school journalism teachers in the nation. Mrs. Hines' honor brings to Parkdale a \$250 grant to establish a Journalism Learning Center at the School, where books on journalism and other materials will be available to aspiring newsmen/women. Last year she was named Maryland Journalism Teacher of the Year. She also lectures at the U. of Md.'s College of Journalism.

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AGED AND DISABLED GET CITY BREAK ON TAXES, REFUSE FEES

by Al Skolnik

Under two laws enacted by city council at its regular meeting on Mon., Nov. 3, aged and disabled persons will receive certain tax and other credits.

The first measure provides a tax credit to disabled homeowners comparable to the tax credit that elderly homeowners received from the city prior to the adoption of the new State "Circuit Breaker Law." The latter law now provides tax credits to all elderly, disabled or not, 60 years of age and older who meet the requirements of that program.

To supplement the Circuit Breaker program, the new city law addresses itself to residents who are under age 60 and totally and permanently disabled. To be eligible, such individuals must have a gross income of \$7,500 or less and must be receiving a disability pension from social security, railroad retirement, or some other government agency.

The tax credit is equal to the city real estate tax rate times the assessed valuation of the dwelling, up to a maximum valuation of \$7,000.

The other measure deals with the credits given by the city in refuse collection fees to the elderly and disabled. These credits in the past were based on eligibility for a city tax credit but with the establishment of the State "Circuit Breaker Law", there was no longer an applicable city law dealing with tax credits for elderly homeowners.

The new measure would be applicable to homeowners and renters alike aged 60 or disabled. To be eligible for the fee reduction, a homeowner would have to qualify for either the Circuit Breaker program and have a gross income that is not in excess of \$5,000 or qualify for a city tax credit under the previous ordinance. Renters would be eligible for the fee reduction if they qualified for a grant under the city's program of assistance to elderly renters.

The credit would be in the form of a 50% reduction in refuse collection rates - no change from the past. The new law is effective with the quarter starting October 1, 1975.

Stop Sign on Eastway

Council, reluctant to drop the subject of a stop sign at the intersection of Eastway and Ridge Road without taking some positive action, asked the city manager to explore the traffic hazards to children at the site and to come back with recommendations. The police department had recommended against a stop sign in response to a request by a 44-Ridge court resident on the grounds that there had been no accidents at the intersection. Council felt that other steps than a stop sign might ease the problem such as pedestrian crosswalks, warning signs, cutting of high hedges.

Council and State Legislation

Council went on record in favor of county legislation that would (1) allow municipalities to set up their own building inspection function; (2) increase from 7 to 20 the number of days notice for public hearings before the County Board of Appeals; and (3) allow removal of non-conforming signs.

Council will be meeting with the county delegation to the Maryland General Assembly to discuss such areas of concern as city sharing of State revenue, Kenilworth Ave.-Greenbelt Road intersection, CARES funding, policemen bill of

rights, Armory parking lot improvements, bicycle facilities, pedestrian crossways, retirement benefits, and recycling of beverage containers.

Other Matters

Council approved in principle the preparation of a crime prevention pamphlet that would bring together information on police services and tips on securing one's property.

Council has received the resignation of Linda Shevitz from the Community Relations Advisory Board and Leonard Modzelewski from the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

Council established a motor equipment maintenance fund and authorized the city to advance general fund money to provide the maintenance fund with working cash.

County Council Approves Nursery at Greenbriar

The Prince Georges County Council, sitting as the District Council on September 8, approved a special exception and parking modification for the Campus Center for Early Learning located in the Greenbriar Community Building. The applicant requested a special modification of the off-street parking requirements.

Council also stipulated that (1) all loading and unloading of children take place in the parking lot adjacent to the Community Building rather than along Hanover Parkway and (2) no green space be converted for parking to support the school. Additionally, the council limited enrollment to 70 children and directed that the school work out a satisfactory traffic pattern with the Greenbelt police department.

The day care center, which operates on full and half day sessions five days a week, is affiliated with Prince Georges Community College Campus Center for Learning. The facility was designed as part of the community building and will serve youngsters ages 2 1/2 through 5 years.

About 340 families are now residing in the Greenbriar condominium development, which will eventually house 1,193 apartment units. The second section of 236 units is under construction.

Developer Allen Kay told the News Review that Dorothy Rothgeb, former physical education teacher at Elizabeth Seton Catholic High School in Hyattsville, has joined the staff of the Greenbriar development as Social Director. A professional swimmer, she toured with the Billy Rose Aquacade and for many years was a swimming teacher for the American Red Cross.

Kay also revealed proposed plans for the development of the 80+ acre Glen Ora tract located in Greenbelt on the southside of Greenbelt Road. Envisioned are 700 individually-owned townhouses. Originally 1,172 apartment units had been projected for the R-30 garden apartment zoned site. The architectural firm of Bucher Meyer Associates, designers of Greenbriar, are drawing up the plans for the new development.

NEWS REVIEW BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS

Al Skolnik was re-elected to another term as president of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, sponsors of the Greenbelt News Review, at a special meeting Sun., Nov. 2. Other officers elected for the 1975-76 year were: Sid Kastner, vice-president; Barbara Likowski, secretary; and Roberta McNamara, treasurer. These four members plus Paula Mask were elected to the board of directors at the annual membership meeting Oct. 27. The board elects its own officers.

Mary Lou Williamson will continue as editor of the News Review and Sandra Barnes as associate editor.

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Recreation Review

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A Teen Club party will be held at the Ridge Road Center Sat., Nov. 15, from 8-11 p.m. Anyone with a particular musical taste is urged to bring his own record albums; a stereo will be provided. A small fee will be charged.

Family Roller Skating

Family Skate is held in the Greenbelt Center Elementary School gymnasium on Sun. from 1-3 p.m. A minimal fee is charged at the door. All families are encouraged to participate in this program. Attend and help make it a big success.

Festival of Lights

The Fourth Annual Greenbelt Christmas Crafts Show and Sale will be held Dec. 5, 6 and 7, launching the Festival of Lights activities. Applications are available at the Youth Center Business Office.

Halloween Costume Parade Winners

On Fri., Oct. 31, the Youth Center was the gathering place for local Halloweeners in costumes. Winners were as follows: Pre-School - Becky Geiger, pumpkin; Steven Grady, ghost; Joey Dobbin, angel; Nicholas Jones, farmer. Grades 1 and 2 - Gina Alfaro, Japanese girl; Kim VanValkenburgh, gypsy; Sandy Jones, witch; David Holt, Superman. Grades 3 and 4 - Margaret Williamson Pippi Longstocking; John Dingler, dinosaur; Craig Dies, Davy Crockett; Patricia Osika and Stephanie Forbes, Peter Pan and Tinker Bell. Grades 5 and 6 - Scott Hicks, Snoopy; Theresa Alfaro, Cousin IT; Steve Pristoop, hobo; Brenda Wright, Bi-Centennial girl.

Ridge Road Center Drop-In

The Ridge Road Center is open Mon. thru Fri. 4-5:30 p.m. and Sat. 12-5 p.m. for drop-in activities. There are table games, table soccer, ping pong, floor hockey and an outdoor basketball court. All center activities are under supervision by Recreation Department staff.

Over the Hill League

Men, 30 and over, who are interested in playing basketball in an organized league, are urged to register on Mon. evenings at either center gym. The league will begin in Dec.

Men's 'B' League Basketball

Information concerning the Men's franchise league for basketball will be available on Mon., Nov. 10.

Youth Center Gym Closed

It is time for the annual refinishing of the Youth Center's gym floor. The gym will be closed Tues., Wed. and Thurs., Nov. 11, 12 and 13.

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At the Library

The D. W. Griffith Centennial Film Series concludes Tues., Nov. 11, with Abraham Lincoln, starring Walter Huston and Una Merkel. The film, made in 1930, is one of two talking pictures Griffith made. It will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in the library meeting room.

For Children

On Wed., Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. strip program for ages 6-12. This there will be a Bicentennial film-will include a filmstrip on "The Post Rider" and activities which explore the Bicentennial through stamps.

Drop-in-Stories for 3-5 year olds continues Thurs. afternoons at 2 p.m. in the Children's Program Room.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, November 11, 1975, 8:00 P.M.

City Offices, 25 Crescent Road

A public meeting will be held by the Community Relations Advisory Board to receive input from citizens regarding allegations of certain actions by officers of the Greenbelt Police Department and questions of police procedures.

Persons wishing to speak at this meeting are requested to call the City Office (474-8000) to be placed on the speaker's list or to sign up just prior to the meeting.

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CITY OF GREENBELT

COMPARATIVE SITE ANALYSIS FOR HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

RIDGE ROAD CENTER AND HAMILTON PLACE PROPERTIES

The City Council is proceeding with the selection of a site for the construction of a senior citizen housing facility. It is proposed that 100 units be constructed in a low rise building. The facility will offer small one bedroom or efficiency apartment units, and will probably include such common facilities as a dining room to serve one or more meals a day and recreational facilities such as a lounge, game room, and multipurpose room. It is expected that construction will be financed by a low interest state mortgage loan and that rentals will be subsidized for those elderly persons with low incomes by a federal rent supplement program, thereby virtually assuring 100 percent occupancy.

The City Council has narrowed its consideration down to two sites—Ridge Road Center and Hamilton Place. These sites were selected in part because they are sufficiently large to provide a low rise building without crowding adjacent development.

LOCATION

Ridge Road Center - The 3-acre site slopes downward from Ridge Road. It is generally cleared except for a wooded area at the back boundary. There is the basement and entry area with offices of a structure intended to eventually be a church. The value of this structure is questionable. There is a paved driveway beside the building and a parking lot in the rear. A small playground is also located on the property near Ridge Road.

Hamilton Place - The site slopes downward from Hamilton Place. The slope is not as great as at the Ridge Road Center. The area designated is an open field of about 4 acres bordered on the south and east by woods. There is a strip of land between Hamilton Place and a part of the property owned by GHI and used for parking for their offices.

CONSTRUCTION FEASIBILITY

The following are preliminary findings. In designing a structure, further engineering studies will have to be performed which may reveal problems not presently known or which may determine that some apparent problems are not as serious as presently indicated.

Ridge Road Center - At present there appear to be no serious problems that would prevent construction. The soil appears to be suitable to support a structure; the site is well drained. Sewer and water are available, but a basement or ground floor area at the rear of the property might have to have sewage from it pumped up to a sewer line. The existing building might have to be removed at added expense, or it might be modified and incorporated in the design.

Hamilton Place - There are some potentially serious construction problems which could add to the expense and might actually prevent construction. The nearest sewer line is located near Ridge Road and at a higher elevation than the proposed site. It may not be adequate to handle additional sewage from a 100 unit building. In any event, sewage would have to be pumped to it. The property in question is not in an area designated for water and sewerage in the County's Ten Year Water and Sewerage Plan and the Plan would have to be amended. The soil is not as suitable for construction as it is at Ridge Road, necessitating extra design requirements at added cost.

IMPACT OF SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING ON ADJACENT DEVELOPED PROPERTY

In undertaking a design, consideration will have to be given to keeping costs low so that the project is economically feasible, suitable for meeting the needs of senior citizens, and providing the least impact upon adjacent development. These goals will not be totally compatible and compromises will have to be made. After preliminary plans are prepared, the City Council and citizens will be better able to judge the impact of the structure upon the adjacent developed land.

It is the Council's intent to construct a low rise building of possibly 3 or 4 stories or less, if economically feasible, on either site.

Ridge Road Center - Particular care is necessary to minimize the impact of a new structure upon the established neighborhood on three sides. It is possible, however, to design a building with a Ridge Road elevation of 2 or 3 stories compatible to nearby buildings and to maintain distances from other buildings equal to or greater than those between other buildings in the area. Special consideration would have to be given to the replacement of the

existing playground and the possible loss of some existing parking spaces.

Hamilton Place - While visible from some homes, the distance is fairly sizable. Therefore, there should be greater freedom to design a building without impact. There should be no special impact on the GHI headquarters facility, but the GHI parking area might be disturbed. More likely, the parking area will present more problems to the proposed building than the proposed building will present to the parking area.

IMPACT ON ADJACENT UNDEVELOPED LAND

Both sites can be developed with housing for the elderly and remain in conformance to the adopted Greenbelt Master Plan. Both properties are adjacent to the same parcel of undeveloped land. Therefore, there should be little impact property at either site and the impact should be about the same at either site.

Also, both properties slope toward undeveloped land. In both cases it will be necessary to provide for the controlled run off of surface water onto the adjacent property.

SUITABILITY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Ridge Road Center - There is a sidewalk running from the opposite side of Ridge Road directly to the Center Mall. The distance is about 1,000 feet or less than two blocks. However, it is necessary to cross Ridge Road in the middle of the block and to traverse a steep hill. A longer walk will avoid the steep hill. There is regular bus service on Ridge Road and a stop could probably be obtained at this site. Traffic on Ridge Road is continuous but not heavy. The property slopes fairly steeply, but with proper design, a building could be constructed with grade level exits to Ridge Road and to parking facilities. There is also sufficient level ground to provide for such outdoor uses as small gardens, recreational facilities such as shuffleboard, walks and benches. The adjacent neighborhood is quiet but there are children who play in the area, and there is some traffic noise from the nearby Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

Hamilton Place - The interior sidewalk system between the Center Mall and the site is not as good as at the Ridge Road Center. Some additional sidewalks should be constructed. The distance to the Center Mall is about 1,700 feet or 3 blocks. There is also a steep hill to traverse, but it is possible to take a route to avoid the steeper part of the hill. Again, it is necessary to cross Ridge Road.

The nearest public transit stop would be at Ridge and Hamilton, almost a block away from the site. The continuous slope of the site will require more grading to provide level areas. It will also be more difficult to provide an entrance at the level of Hamilton Place, but ground level entrances to parking are available. There would also be sufficient level ground, if the site is properly graded, for outdoor amenities for the elderly residents. The property is somewhat isolated and therefore should not be disturbed by the adjacent neighborhood although children can be expected to play in the area. There is some traffic noise from the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, but the site is not quite as close as the Ridge Road Center.

EFFECT ON CITY PARKS

Ridge Road Center - This site is a City park, but its usefulness as a park is not as great as that of other City parkland. It would be necessary to replace this land with other land to comply with the terms of the Federal Grant that helped pay for the purchase of the land. The Hamilton Place property could be purchased for park use to replace the Ridge Road Center property as a park.

The existing building is of questionable value. To be fully suitable, it must be substantially renovated at considerable cost. It may be better to construct a new building designed to meet City needs. It is questionable as to the need for a second recreation building in the center area of the City.

Hamilton Place - This site is privately owned and is not a City park. However, it has been proposed for purchase as a site. It is one of the few sites near the developed portion of Greenbelt that is cleared of trees and is suitable for development of athletic facilities. Our present City ball fields are over utilized. If senior citizen housing were constructed upon the site, it would not be useable for parkland.

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